IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TREATER OFFICE

In re the Application of

Collins, et al.

Application No. 09/011,745

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For: Expression Systems

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Examiner: D. Guzo

Group Art Unit: 1636

Response to Paper No. 9

Petition for Extension Under 37 CFR §1.136(a)

The undersigned hereby petitions for an extension of time of ONE (1) month beyond the time period set in the last office communication. The proper fee under 37 CFR §1.17 is enclosed.

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Computation of Additional Fee for Amendment

] No Additional Fee is required.

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The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	CLAIMS A	C AMENDED					OTHER	THAN A	
CLAIMS AS AMENDED				*SMALL ENTITY			SMALL ENTITY		
FOR	CLAIMS AFTER AMDT.	CLAIMS PAID FOR	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	FEE		RATE	FEE	
EFFECTIVE TOTAL CLAIMS				\$ 9	0		\$ 22	0	
IND. CLAIMS				39	0		80	0	
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS?				130	0		260	. 0	
PETITION FEE FOR EXTENSION 1 MONTH					55		400	0	
				TOTAL	55		TOTAL		

<sup>\*</sup>Applicant is a Small Entity, as established by verified statements filed on June 22, 1998.

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## AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

In response to the Official Action dated February 12, 1999, please amend the above identified patent application as follows:

## In the specification:

After the claims, please add the abstract of the disclosure submitted herewith on a separate sheet.

## In the claims:

(Amended) A process for producing a cell line in which a gene of interest is expressed, which process comprises:

transforming host cells with [an expression vector]  $\underline{\mathbf{a}}$ nucleic acid construct according to claim [1] 56; [selectable] selecting those cells where expression of the [selection] selectable marker gene may be detected, and growing said transformed cells in the presence of a selection agent, thereby producing a cell line expressing said gene of 06/18/1999 SSANDARA 00000015 |49011746 interest.

38. (Amended) A retroviral packaging cell line according to claim 3/7 [being], wherein said retroviral

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